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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 2, 2025



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Please inform the Pastor or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized. If you would like to add your name or remove a name to the above prayer list, please contact the church office.

Soup/Dessert Cook-off – The soup/dessert cook-off will be held on TODAY after the late service. Free will offering for the youth.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Feb. 9, 2025 "We Have an Advocate" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

We are blessed! Consider the **Rural Gospel Initiative** (LCMS) when... allocating Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2025; Estate Planning; deciding on tax-free Qualified Charitable Contributions; or planning a tax-deductible donation. Go to www.RuralGospel.org for more information on the RGI. *Thank you.*

Camp Minneboji 2025 – June 15 to June 21, 2025. This year's theme is "*Hidden and Revealed*." Please go to their website to register online. Last date to register is May 1, 2025 or when camp is full. Register early to guarantee attendance. Also, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the South Narthex so we know who is going with the bus.

The next meeting of **St Paul's Men's Club** will meet at Pounders Tuesday February 11th at 6pm. Following dinner we will return to St Paul's and have a short devotion/Bible study covering the end of chapter 1 and the beginning of chapter 2 of the book "Man Up" by Jeffery Hemmer, followed by cards or other activities. All manly men are welcome to attend, hope to see you there!

Church Directory – Please contact the church office for a copy of St. Paul's directory.

No coffee or juices in carpeted areas or in the Sanctuary please.

Organist: Sunday - Cyrece Kono Wed. - Cindy Jung

Women's Bible Study is meeting on Zoom right now. They will be starting a new Bible Study soon, and all women are welcome to join. The title of the new study is *Grace Under Pressure* by Christopher M. Kennedy. In this study, we will examine how no one suffered more pressure than Jesus, but He always responded graciously and lovingly even as He died on the cross. The study will demonstrate that while the pressures of life are unrelenting, God's love for us is also. The Zoom meeting number is 87923633133 and the passcode is 3Vhsej.

Lighthouse Preschool/Jr. Kindergarten - Registration for our NEW full-day Jr. Kindergarten program is now open! This new Jr. Kindergarten program is designed to help students transition for the needs and demands of a full-day Kindergarten lifestyle. We have purchased a new, faith-based, Jr. Kindergarten Classical Education curriculum, that will help students grow academically, physically, socially, and spiritually. Please note that our new program will be limited to 12 students, ages 4-5. Turning in your application and deposit in a timely manner is essential to guarantee your child a spot! Applications can be picked up in the narthex. Please reach out to the preschool with any questions about our new program and I will be happy to answer them for you!

The Church Administrator/Secretary will be retiring at the end of May. Anyone interested in the position should pick up an application and job description at the church office.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Feb. 9, 2025 FOX This the Life – **10:00 AM** – "Shepherd of Main Street" **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Thomas Brown presents a message titled "Divine Tension: When Belief Meets Holiness." The sermon is based on Luke 5:1-11. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Sunday Attendance: Jan. 26, 2025 – 8:00am - 93 Communed – 75 10:45 – 104 Communed – 85 Wed. - 17 Communed - 16 Bible Studies: Sun – 70 Wed: 10am - 11 5:15pm - 6

Offering: Jan. 26, 2025 - \$8,913.00

Coffee - \$125.26 Sunday School - \$9.00

Amount to meet budget: \$12,824.00 per week

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Feb. 2 - Feb. 9)

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School **10:45 am Worship Service**

Noon Soup/dessert Cook-off

Tue 7"00 pm Elder Meeting

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

5:15 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

6:15 pm Worship Service

7:00 pm Confirmation

Thurs 9:00 am Quilting

6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:30 pm Bell Practice

Fri 5:30-7:30 pm Youth For Christ

Sun 8:00 am Worship Service

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Prayer Service

Psalm Psalm 71:1–6; antiphon: v. 12

P: 1In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

C: let me never be put to shame!

P: ²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

C: incline your ear to me, and save me!

P: ³Be to me a rock of refuge,

C: to which I may continually come;

P: you have given the command to save me,

C: for you are my rock and my fortress.

P: 4Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

C: from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

P: ⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope,

C: my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

P: 6Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;

C: you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

P: My praise is continually of you.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Reading Jeremiah 1:4–10

P A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 1.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GoD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

P O Lord, have mercy on us. C Thanks be to God.

Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

P A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 12.

I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For

now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Reading Luke 4:31–44

P A reading from Luke, chapter 4.

³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of

God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.